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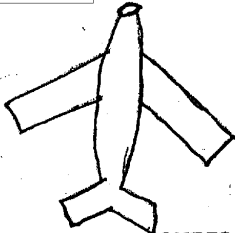
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Air Activity in the USSR

1. [redacted] never observed any Soviet or Rumanian aircraft patrolling the high seas or coastal areas, but did observe air activity near the harbors of Batumi and Poti.
2. In spring 1953, when the MS FRIEDRICH ENGELS visited Batumi harbor, it was necessary to remain in the harbor for 16 days due to turbulent currents. Flying weather was good during this period with the exception of two or three days. Two MIG-15s were observed patrolling the Batumi area daily at 1½ to 2 hour intervals. They usually flew at approximately 4,000 m. altitude but occasionally buzzed the harbor at 500 m. altitude. [redacted] these aircraft were on some type of border patrol flight due to Batumi's proximity to the Turkish border.
- [redacted] The MIGs seen over Batumi were [redacted] as follows:



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These MIGs appeared to take off from an airfield located about 10 km. south of the city at the base of the foothills. One or two Dakota twin engine-type aircraft which made landing approaches in that direction were also observed daily.

3.

a naval homer beacon only emitted signals every 15 or 30 minutes and that continuous signals were only emitted during foggy weather. the continuous signal was from an aircraft radio beacon.

4.

two types of twin-engine flying boats engaged in flying exercises and landings. One type of aircraft was similar to the Catalina flying boat while the second type to be a Soviet flying boat. (See Annex A for sketch of this plane.) No more than two of these flying boats were observed at any time. The training area appeared to be from two to three km. north of the harbor. The aircraft shot west to east landings on a river which flowed into the Black Sea two to three kilometers north of the harbor. No unusual bulges on these craft were observed nor did they have a radome.

These flying boats also exercised at night

They were observed daily and every night by Source during the period of seven days he spent at Poti in September 1953.

5.

some Rumanian sailors had docked at Riga, Latvian SSR, in 1952 or 1953 and had seen a very large jet aircraft base where jet fighter flying activity was very intense.

#### Air Activity in Rumania

6.

in Constanta No jet or conventional fighters were observed in the vicinity of that city. The only two types of aircraft observed were a Rumanian Air Force single-engine biplane-seaplane and the other a civilian Dakota-type transport or passenger plane. the sea-plane a Heinkel 114 or Henschel 114 They usually flew in groups of two or three and were easily recognized by their unusually short lower wing and two large pontoons (see Annex B). they were based at Lake Siutghiol at Mamaia (N 44-18, E 28-37). there was a military airfield near the seaplane base and that "previously" military aircraft from this base had engaged in practice bombing and gunnery.

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7. One or two civilian passenger (Dakota-type) aircraft landed at the  
Constanta civilian airfield weekly. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] the  
Constanta/Palas airfield [redacted]  
[redacted] no construction activity on the field was  
observed during the 1950-June 1954 period. [redacted]  
[redacted] one hangar which [redacted] could house  
only one Dakota-type aircraft and a terminal building which appeared  
to be of one story and small. [redacted] two 45-50 m.-tall  
steel lattice radio masts next to the terminal and [redacted] these  
were used for medium wave transmission.

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9.  
50X1 [redacted] jet fighters did fly over Bucharest and the vicinity.

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3 Enclosures:

- 50X1 Annex A - [redacted] Sketch of Soviet Flying Boat observed at Poti, USSR.  
50X1 Annex B - [redacted] Sketch of Rumanian Air Force seaplane observed in  
Constanta Area in June 1954  
Annex C - Overlay of Rumanian 1:100,000, Deutsche Heereskarte,  
Blatt Nr. 5040, Cerna Voda.

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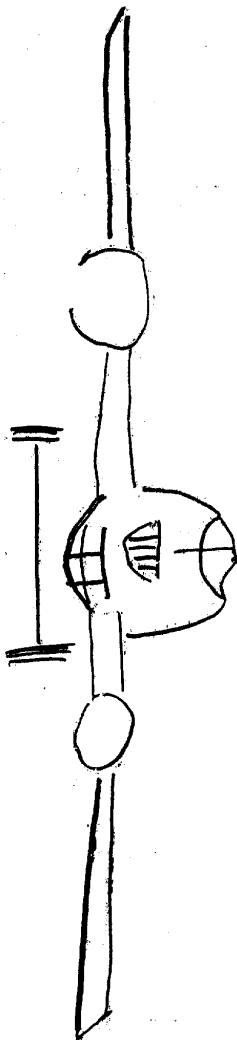
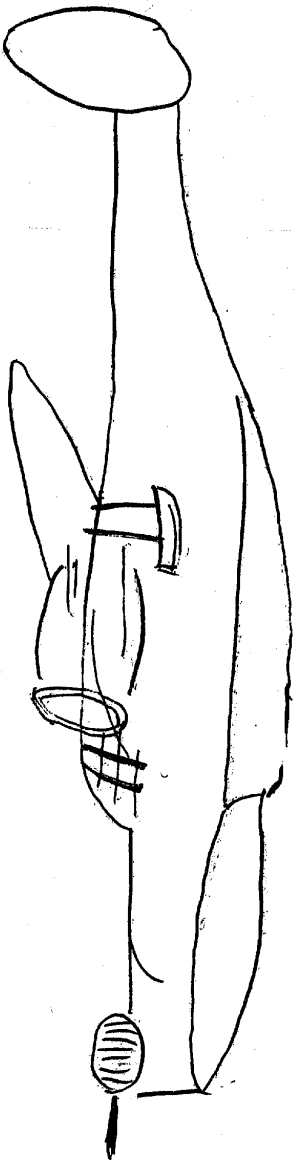
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Annex A

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Sketch of Soviet Flying Boat at  
Poti, USSR.



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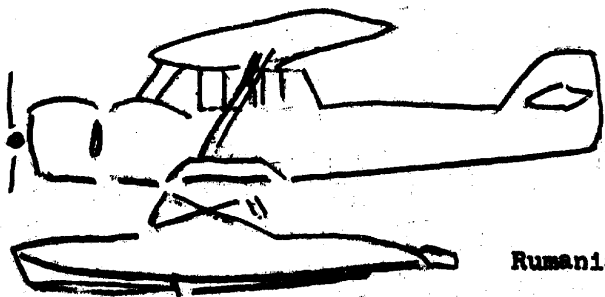
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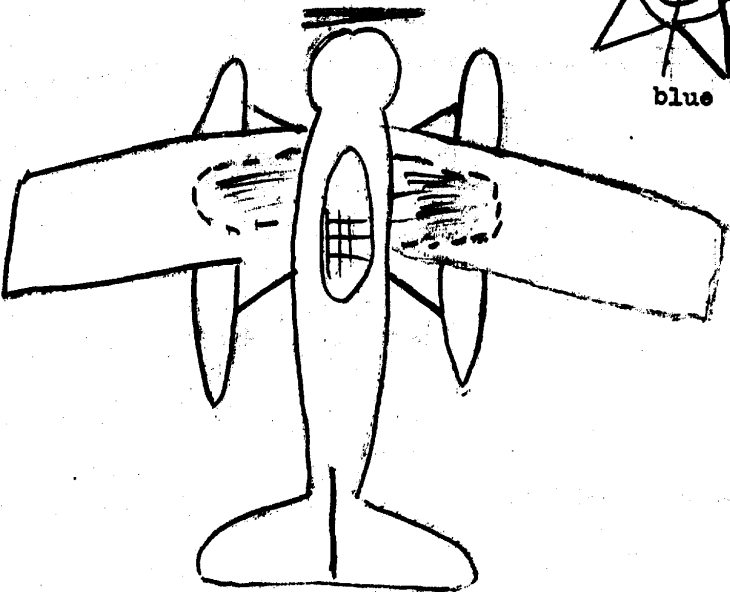
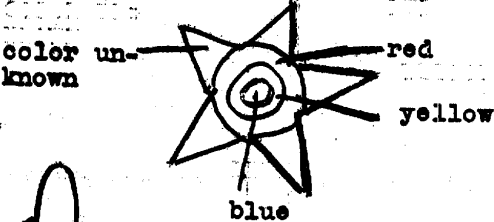


50X1 **Annex B**  
**Sketch of Rumanian Air Force**  
**seaplane observed in Constanta**  
**area in June 1954**

**The Heinkel 114 or Henschel 114**



**Rumanian Air Force insignia**



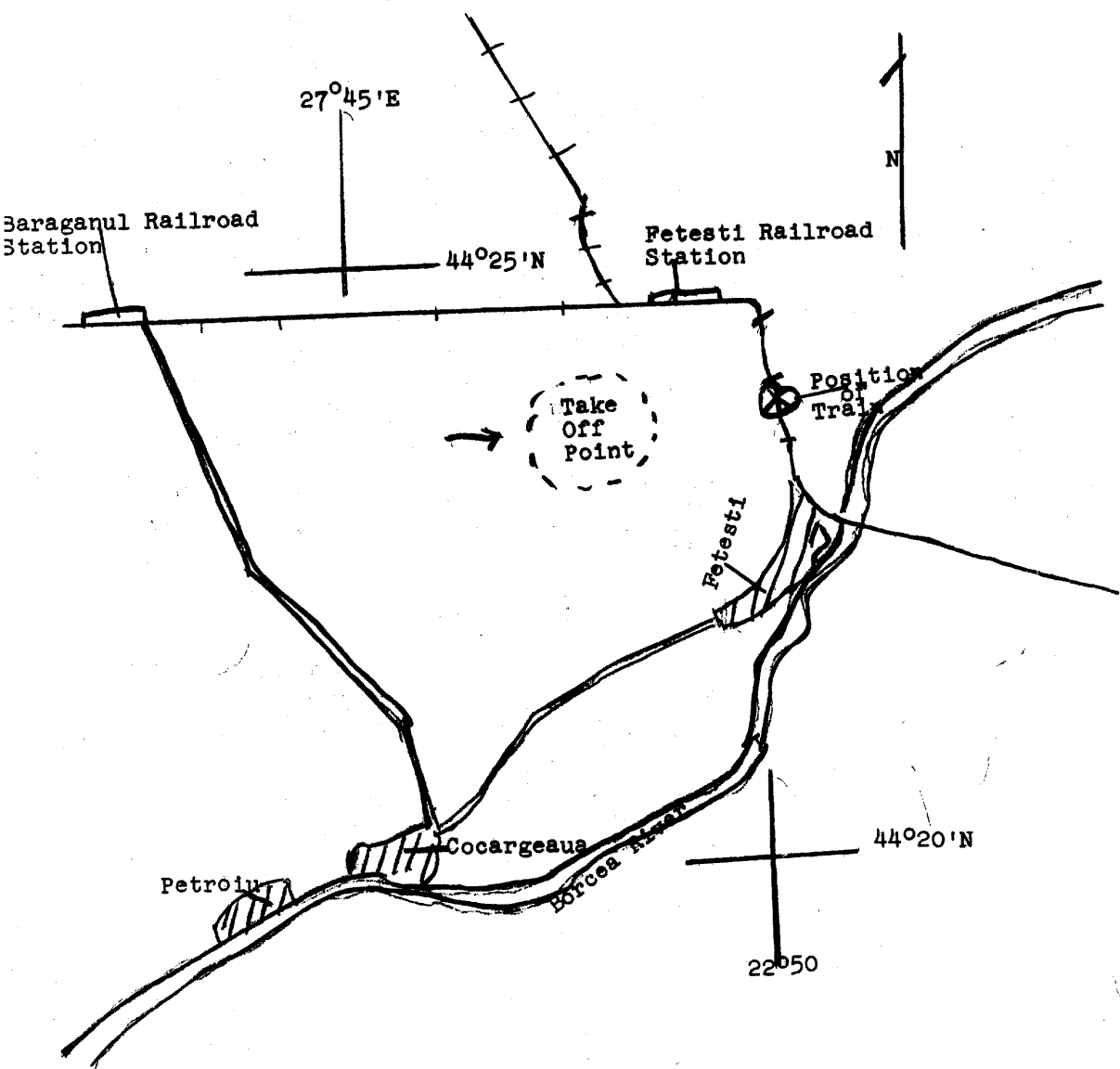
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